

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
March 29, 2013**

Richard Reniere, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mr. Reniere asked for a moment of silence honoring residents of the District who passed away during the past year.

Mr. Reniere introduced those at the head table:

Chuck Rage, Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Steve La Branche, Treasurer
Sharon Somers, District Counsel
Joan Rice, Secretary

Mr. Reniere recognized the following in the audience:

Mary-Louise Woolsey, Selectman
Michael Pierce, Selectman
Fred Rice, State Representative

Mr. Reniere explained the rules of the meeting and asked for a motion to allow any individual present to address this assembly, the goal being to provide more information. However, only residents can vote on the warrant articles.

Moved by Tim Jones, seconded by Jim Duhanel, to allow any individual present to address this assembly.

Vote: Motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. Reniere said the results of the vote pursuant to Article I would be announced when the votes were tallied.

Article II

To see if the District will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$490,600.00 for District purposes.

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by John Kane, to approve Article II.

Mike Robinson, 4 Dover Ave., asked what the District contributes towards the Seafood Festival and the fireworks displays. Commissioner Rage said nothing is contributed by the District to the Seafood Festival. Regarding the fireworks, a determination is made at the beginning of the year as to how many shoots should be scheduled. Two shoots were added

this year. If a shoot is cancelled by 2:00 p.m. due to weather, the fireworks company will credit the District. Mr. Robinson noted that the fireworks company has agreed to do a free shoot on New Years Eve and asked why that shoot couldn't be cancelled and put towards the 4th of July when there will be shoots on both Wednesday and Thursday. Commissioner Rage said the New Years Eve shoot is very popular and many people attend.

Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, to cancel the New Years Eve fireworks display and credit it towards the 4th of July display.

Skip Windemiller 365 Ocean Blvd., said he did not believe the Commissioners can be directed by the electorate to do this. Attorney Somers told the assembly that they can give instructions to the Commissioners, but ultimately it is their decision on how money is spent. If this motion were to pass it would not be binding.

Eileen Bolton asked if the District received credit for last New Years Eve when there were problems with the shoot. Commissioner Rage said the fireworks company is compensating by doing it for free this year and because we signed a contract with them will do it for free the following year. Mr. LaBranche said the New Years Eve display is very popular and it was unfortunate that the truck was stuck last year and caused problems with the shoot. Mr. Kane said he agreed with Mr. LaBranche and 145 brochures have already been sent out advertising the New Years Eve event.

Mr. Robinson withdrew his motion.

Amendment made by Mr. Jones to move the budget line item known as "playground" and place it under "culture and recreation".

Mr. Jones said all playground activities are by nature recreational and therefore should be under Culture and Recreation.

There was no second to the motion.

Commissioner Rage discussed the retail space in the pavilion. Previously the State had a store there which competed with the business owners. Blue Ocean, which is a non-profit, is hoping to rent the space from the State. Blue Ocean would be an educational venue for both children and adults. It would be great for school field trips, etc. Blue Ocean will need some type of financial support. Commissioner Rage said he felt the District could be a big help with that. Hampton Rotary and the Hampton Beach Area Commission are in favor. Commissioner Rage said he would like to add \$5,000 to the budget to go towards this venture. This would only be used if Blue Ocean is successful in obtaining the space from the State.

Moved by Commissioner Rage, seconded by John Gebhart, to add \$5,000 to the operating budget under “Movie Nights and Other Activities and Events” to help fund the Blue Ocean Society.

Fred Rice said that it must be considered that this would be open to a competitive bid through the Parks Division of DRED. If another bid comes in that they like better, they will take it. The RSA obliges them to maximize dollars for the Parks Department. They will be obliged to take the bid that gives them the most money.

Mr. Windemiller said he was in favor of Blue Ocean. He said he was concerned that if the District does this they would be committing to future years. Perhaps the line item could be increased by \$5,000, but the Commissioners would use that money at their discretion.

Commissioner Rage withdrew his amendment.

Amendment made by Mr. Ladd, seconded by Mike Buckley, to add an additional \$5,000 to line item 4589-6 Movie Nights and Other Activities and Events to be used at the discretion of the Commissioners after it is determined who will occupy the pavilion space.

Commissioner Rage said that the District is very frugal in their budget. This would not be a long-term commitment, but would be brought before the Annual Meeting every year.

Mr. Jones said it was against the law for the State to engage in any concession. Last year the District gave the State \$10,000 for the Gala and received no refund. This time would be using a third party so in effect this is another State subsidy.

Mr. Reniere asked for a vote on the Amendment.

Vote: Motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. Reniere asked for a vote on the amended main motion asking for an operating budget of \$495,600.00.

Vote: Motion passed by majority vote.

Article III

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Several residents expressed concern about trash pickup. Commissioner Rage said the Commissioners will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 1st, to see what is happening on this issue.

Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by James Dretick, that the residents of the Hampton Beach Village District are opposed to one-day trash pickup and give a vote of confidence to the Commissioners to work on this issue.

Vote: Motion passed by majority vote.

Representative Rice discussed an issue that came before his committee (Commerce) in the legislature. The issue is allowing bars to stay open until 2:00 a.m. rather than closing at 1:00 a.m. The committee voted 12-4 in favor to stay open later. This would not be mandatory. Bars could close at their discretion. If there is an infraction, the privilege would be rescinded. Employees would like to have another hour of work. Law enforcement does not believe there would be any problems. Bars are never allowed to over serve or serve under age. Representative Rice said this is just for information for residents.

Article I

Mr. Reniere then announced the results of the election as follows:

Commissioner (3 years)	Chuck Rage
Treasurer (1 year)	Steve LaBranche
Moderator (1 year)	Richard Reniere
Clerk (1 year)	Janet Allard
Supervisor of the Checklist (3 years)	Joanne Kivlan

Commissioner Buckley reminded everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. across from C Street.

Commissioner Ladd thanked everyone for attending the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. LaBranche **moved**, seconded by Commissioner Buckley that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary